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NATE MERRITT,
Sophomore, MIS

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Partly Cloudy
High: 70, Low: 49



TOMORROW
Mostly Cloudy
High: 73, Low: 50

Nike speaker shares life triumphs

By Colleen Fitzgibbons
Reporter

A knee injury may have ended his basketball career but it still led him to a life of fame.

Howard "H" White, vice president of the Jordan Brand for Nike Inc, told a crowd of students, faculty and community members in the Union last night how his life's accomplishments both on and off the court gave him the ticket to succeed in the business world.

"You can go on and on about his achievements, but he is a man of integrity, a man of character, a man of conviction."

Sidney Ribeau | University President

Following a brief introduction, White first asked the audience a question before beginning his presentation.

"How ya'll doin today?" he said. White explained that he asks

that question a lot because his mother told him a long time ago, "You only get one shot in life to make a good impression."

He told the students in the audience that someday they will need to get a job and will

be against people from higher-ranked schools such as Harvard University, Duke University and Ohio State University.

But White said BGSU students have an advantage over those other students.

"If all you are is a resume, you already lost the battle," he said.

He said if someone shows enthusiasm, that person becomes the ideal candidate for an employer.

The first inspirational story he told the audience was about how he was held back in the

second grade.

"Failure has probably been my greatest accomplishment," White said.

Along with failing the second grade, White was not exactly the best basketball player in the beginning.

As a young man, he thought he knew about the game.

However, he explained, "three white men living in the country" taught him how to play.

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Univ. hosts percussion ensembles

By Kristen Zenz
Reporter

Music from across the globe will make its way into Bowling Green and onto the stage in Kobacker Hall tonight.

World Percussion Night features a musical infusion of Afro-Caribbean music from Ghana, Balinese Gamelan from Bali and Japanese Taiko.

Allison Eckardt, a graduate student studying ethnomusicology, will participate in all three ensembles performing.

"Each group is so different," Eckardt said of each ensembles' 30-minute concert.

The Afro-Caribbean Ensemble uses drums, rattles and bells and is focused on dancing, while the Gamelan is focused on playing intricate music with only a few movements. Gamelan performers will use metalophones, kettle gongs, and drummer cymbals to create the traditional music. Taiko, on the other hand, solely uses drums and the only dance numbers are created when the drummers vigorously hit the large instruments.

Ashley Hunker, senior, has been participating in the Balinese Gamelan ensemble since last spring.

Hunker said she enjoys watching the audience's reaction when they first start playing.

"I don't think they have any idea as to what the instruments are going to sound like because they are so different looking from instruments that are typically familiar to most people," she said.

After dancing with the ensemble a year ago, Hunker said she

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Fort Meigs offers interactive history lesson for students

By Anthony Phillips
Reporter

Just a few minutes away in Perrysburg there is a place with a rich history and lots to do for bored college students.

Fort Meigs, the largest reconstructed wooden fort in Ohio, stood as an important stronghold against the British during the War of 1812.

The U.S. forces originally constructed the fort in 1813 as a supply depot and staging ground for an invasion into Canada, said Dan Woodward, educational specialist at Fort Meigs.

However, the fort soon became essential to the protection of the Maumee River.

In May and July, the British, in order to obtain the fort and control of the Maumee River, surrounded the fort.

The American forces defended the fort well, and were able to stop the British both times from invading Ohio.

Soon after the American victories, Gen. William Henry Harrison ordered his men to dismantle the fort, and all but 100 were sent into Canada.

In 1840, Harrison returned to Fort Meigs for an important presidential campaign rally.

"There were 30,000 people here," Woodward said.

This makes it one of the largest political rallies of the 19th century.

Woodward also said Harrison held a re-enactment during the rally to showcase his victories there.

Over a century later, the Ohio Historical Society purchased the site to rebuild the fort, and in 1974 it opened to the public.

Today the fort stands a museum that was constructed in 2003 during a massive restoration of the fort.

Inside the museum visitors will find several artifacts including a well-crafted powder horn, several cannon balls and uniforms.

Other than the museum, the fort attracts visitors by its various events, which differ in theme and activities.

In fact, April 5 was their first event of the season, and volunteer Annette Bristol said, "We worked our butts off!"

She and several volunteers taught visitors about a soldier's life from cooking to candle making.

Most of the volunteers take their positions very seriously and try to stay in character. This includes Rifleman Tony Szymanski, who in mid speech, pointed toward two approaching infantry men and called them "infantry scum."

He soon explained to his tour group that the infantry were the lowest ranking soldier, and that he was, as a rifleman, like the special forces of the War of 1812.

Many upcoming events depict what went on at Fort Meigs during the war such as the First Siege event on May 24-25.

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State executions to resume after court approves lethal injection



AP PHOTO

SCOTUS LETHAL INJECTIONS: The Supreme Court upheld the most common method of lethal injections executions yesterday, clearing the way for states to resume executions that have been on hold for nearly seven months.

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. executions are all but sure to resume soon after a nationwide halt, cleared yesterday by a splintered Supreme Court that approved the most widely used method of lethal injection.

Virginia immediately lifted its moratorium, Oklahoma said it would seek execution dates for two convicted murderers, and

other states were ready to follow.

Voting 7-2, the conservative court led by Chief Justice John Roberts rebuffed the latest assault on capital punishment in the U.S., this time by foes focusing on methods rather than broader questions of legality. Justice John Paul Stevens voted with the majority on the question of lethal injections but said for the first time that he

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Mourners hold vigil in remembrance of the one-year anniversary of Virginia Tech

By Kristen Gelineau
The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A sea of people wearing orange and maroon flowed onto the main lawn at Virginia Tech on yesterday, some clutching single roses, to remember the victims of the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

They gathered on the same field where a white candle lit at midnight began a day of mourning for the 32 people killed a year ago by a student gunman who shot himself as police closed in.

"We remain deeply and profoundly saddened by the events of that tragic day," Virginia Tech President Charles Steger told the crowd. "Indeed, all our lives were changed on that day."

While this close-knit campus of 27,000 has worked hard to move on, the anniversary of the killings has left many struggling to cope. Some weren't sure how best to honor



DON PETERSEN | AP PHOTO

VIRGINIA TECH ANNIVERSARY: A mourner wipes tears as he sits on a wall in front of the entrance to Norris Hall prior to a memorial ceremony for the victims of the April 16, 2007 shootings on the campus of Virginia Tech.

the dead.

"It's like a big question mark," said Heidi Miller, 20, a sophomore from Harrisonburg who was shot three times and was one of six survivors in a French class. "Should we be in mourning all day, or should we try to do something normal?"

Mourners stood with heads bowed, some wiping away tears. Others locked arms as the accomplishments of each of the 32 echoed across the Drillfield: Austin Cloyd had an iron will. Caitlin Hammaren loved playing the violin. Emily Hilscher was an enthusiastic cook. Jarrett Lane was a friend to all he met. Liviu Librescu embodied profound courage.

"The world was cheated — cheated out of the accomplishments that were sure to come from these extraordinary lives," Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims followed by a tolling of bells. One grieving young woman fell to the ground and paramedics hurried to tend to her, helping her off the field as she sobbed.

Kaine ordered state flags flown at half-staff. A candlelight vigil was set for the evening.

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BLOTTER TUESDAY

7:04 P.M.

Derell Wyman Banks, 32, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct for throwing a woven basket at a subject.

8:17 P.M.

Elena Irish Howard, 22, of Detroit, was cited for minor misdemeanor theft for attempting to steal \$152.87 in merchandise from Wal-Mart on West Gypsy Lane.

11:51 P.M.

Heather E. Hoffman, 19, of Marysville, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol.

WEDNESDAY

1:01 A.M.

Derell Wyman Banks, 32, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal trespassing, criminal damaging and disorderly conduct with persistence for prying off the screens to unlocked windows at an apartment police told him not to return to.

ONLINE: Go to www.bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

WHITE

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After White and his friends lost badly to the three men, one of them approached him.

This man was his future coach that would not only train him in basketball, but also in life.

The man asked White if he wanted to be like "Big O," Oscar Robertson, the National Association of Basketball Coaches player of the century.

After he replied yes, the man taught White everything he knew about basketball.

Later in life, while attending the University of Michigan, he led his team to victory in the 1972 National Invitation Tournament and to the final eight of the 1973 NCAA Tournament.

However, a knee injury stopped White from continuing to play.

But this did not stop White in his tracks; he became a coach at Maryland and later

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The First Siege includes a re-enactment of the British's first attempt to take over the fort as well as other demonstrations throughout the day.

The fort also hosts several other events that include Vikings and Roman Legionnaires and events about the 1812 culture and frontier life.

General admission into the fort and the museum is \$7 for adults, \$3 for students and children five years old and under get in free.

The special events do cost extra for visitors depending on the event and the amount of days attending.

For more information and directions, visit the Fort Meigs Web site at www.fortmeigs.org.



RACHEL RADWANSKI | THE BG NEWS
FORT MEIGS: Tamia Land, a re-enactor at Fort Meigs, demonstrates candle dipping for visitors during an event weekend.

became a field representative in 1978.

Today he is vice president of the Jordan Brand for Nike Inc., the founder of the "Believe to Achieve" program, and has written two books.

When people wonder what his secret to success is, White said it is simple: Always say, "Hi" to anyone you pass.

White said his mother told him that "even a dog can wag his tail when he passes you on the street."

Due to numerous schedule conflicts, last night's event had been six years in the making, said University President Sidney Ribeau.

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found the music and culture to be very fascinating and decided to give the music a try.

Each ensemble has around 20 participants and they practice once or twice a week for two hours. Taiko members also meet to build the drums used in the night's performance. Members are students from all majors, graduate students and even faculty members.

"People should come because it allows them to experience music and dance from other cultures that are often overshadowed by mainstream western music," Hunker said. "It's a great opportunity to see music and dance defined by other countries."

But this great opportunity is hard to find locally outside the University.

"Toledo only has one Afro-Caribbean ensemble and they aren't nearly as good," said David Harnish, director of the Balinese Gamelan ensemble.

According to Harnish, the night has been in existence since the early '90s and gradually attracts more people each year.

But up until last year the show only consisted of the

Afro-Caribbean and Gamelan ensembles. The Taiko group was added last spring under the direction of Paul Yoon.

The ensembles are directed by professors who have immersed themselves in the culture of their respective genre. Steven Cornelius spent time in Ghana and directs the Afro-Caribbean group.

David Harnish, studied in Indonesia and Paul Yoon, who leads the Taiko ensemble, has experience playing in a Taiko group.

"A good way to learn a culture is by learning the culture's music," Harnish said.

Although the music and dance

can't be reproduced exactly, Eckardt said they are doing their best to honor their teachers.

"We are outsiders playing these traditions," Eckardt said. "We put our own take on the music while still being respectful."

This semester's performance will feature a new piece that has only been rehearsed once. All three costumed ensembles will play together as one.

"It'll be very loud, very fast and very intense," Harnish said.

World Percussion Night occurs twice a year, at the end of the fall and spring semesters. This semester's concert is tonight at 8 in Kobacker Hall.

LETHAL

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now believes the death penalty is unconstitutional.

The court turned back a challenge to the procedures in place in Kentucky that employ three drugs to sedate, paralyze and kill inmates. Similar methods are used by roughly three dozen states.

Death penalty opponents said challenges to lethal injections would continue in states where problems with administering the drugs are well documented.

The case decided yesterday was not about the constitutionality of the death penalty generally or even lethal injection. Instead, two Kentucky death row inmates contended that their

executions could be carried out more humanely, with less risk of pain.

The inmates "have not carried their burden of showing that the risk of pain from maladministration of a concededly humane lethal injection protocol, and the failure to adopt untried and untested alternatives, constitute cruel and unusual punishment," Chief Justice John Roberts said in an opinion that garnered only three votes. Four other justices, however, agreed with the outcome.

Roberts also suggested that the court will not halt scheduled executions in the future unless "the condemned prisoner establishes that the state's lethal injection protocol creates a demonstrated risk of severe pain."

States can avoid this risk by

using the three-drug procedure approved in the Kentucky case, Roberts said.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter dissented.

Executions have been on hold since September, when the court agreed to hear the Kentucky case. The justices stepped in to halt six executions, and many others were put off because of the high court's review.

Forty-two people were executed last year out of more than 3,300 people on death rows across the country.

Yesterday's decision was announced with Pope Benedict XVI, a prominent death penalty critic, in Washington and the court's five Catholic justices — Roberts, Samuel Alito, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas — headed to

the White House for a dinner in his honor. All five supported the lethal injection procedures.

The court separately heard arguments yesterday on the constitutionality of the death penalty for people convicted of raping children. A decision in that case is expected by late June.

The argument against the three-drug protocol is that if the initial anesthetic does not take hold, the other two drugs can cause excruciating pain.

One of those drugs, a paralytic, would render the prisoner unable to express his discomfort.

The Kentucky inmates wanted the court to order a switch to a single drug, a barbiturate, that causes no pain and can be given in a large enough dose to cause death.

VIRGINIA

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Smaller, reflective gatherings were to take place during the day. One group of students planned to lie down in protest of Virginia's gun laws.

Some family members of victims entered War Memorial Chapel early yesterday for a private service. Other family members of those killed said they couldn't bear to attend the official events and planned to grieve privately.

Bryan Cloyd, whose daughter Austin was killed, hopes to plant an oak tree with his wife Renee to honor their daughter's life. It is a way of looking toward the future, he said, rather than reflecting on the horrors of last April 16.

As a Virginia Tech professor and Blacksburg resident, Cloyd has faced reminders of his daughter every day. He believes Austin would want the community to honor her life, but then

"I won't be able to walk my daughter down the aisle at her wedding."

Bryan Cloyd | Victim's Father

move forward.

"I won't be able to walk my daughter down the aisle at her wedding. I won't be able to bounce her children on my knee," he said softly.

"And I don't think it's helpful to dwell on that, because where that leads is just more sadness. I think what's helpful to do is to dwell on what can be. What can we do with what we have?"

Lori Haas, whose daughter Emily was shot but survived, was just hoping to make it through the day.

"It's just so emotional for everybody," she said before the tribute to those lost. "The kids — you're just so worried about them and think 'Are they reliv-

ing those moments?'"

Commemorations of those who were killed started Tuesday. A small bouquet of white carnations lay outside Norris Hall, where gunman Seung-Hui Cho and 30 others died. Other mementos appeared at the ring of 32 memorial stones placed months ago on the main lawn.

No public memorials were planned for Cho.

Gerald Massengill, who led a governor-appointed panel that investigated the slayings, has tried to focus his thoughts on the changes that have been made to the state's mental health system and school security procedures in light of the panel's recommendations.

"I think a lot of us have been anticipating April the 16th with some reservations as to how it would impact us," he said.

"And I think as it's gotten closer, what I have tried to consume myself with are those things ... the lessons that we think we could learn from Virginia Tech."

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- University Hall
- McFall Center
- Jerome Library

answer: a. the basement of the Methodist Church across from the Armory

Check out The BG News Facebook page Friday.
Answer all five questions for your chance
to win prizes and recognition!

Each issue has a question and answer for Friday's quiz.

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



BRIAN BORNHOEFT | THE BG NEWS

NOT FORGOTTEN: Students gather for a Virginia Tech remembrance event sponsored by University Student Government. The event not only reflected on the lives lost at VT, but also recent attacks at Louisiana Tech, Northern Illinois, Auburn and UNC Chapel Hill.

Sophomore arrested for carrying a weapon at University of Texas

By Stephen Keller
U-WIRE

AUSTIN, Texas — After receiving an anonymous tip, UT police arrested a student Tuesday for carrying a firearm on campus.

Authorities booked undeclared engineering sophomore Jason Liao at 4:29 a.m. with the charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon in a prohibited place, a third degree felony. As of press time, Liao remained in the Travis County Jail with a \$15,000 bond and had not been assigned a lawyer. If convicted, he could face two to 10 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

An anonymous call to the UT Behavior Concerns Advice Line sparked the investigation, according to the arrest affidavit. The confidential informant provided police with two witnesses.

One witness told police she saw Liao remove a handgun from a blue duffel bag while in her room in Lester West Dormitory in February, according to the affidavit. She also said Liao talked about "going on a mission" with another person that involved the weapon, the affidavit said. Two photos on Liao's MySpace page show him flaunting a gun to the camera with an unlit cigarette in his mouth. The witness said the gun from the MySpace photos was similar to the firearm she saw in her dorm room.

Another witness told UTPD she saw Liao conceal the

weapon in a gym bag while at Belmont Hall, the affidavit said. According to the arrest warrant, when she asked if the firearm was real, Liao responded, "Yeah, do you want to hold it?"

Liao told the witness the gun was not loaded, the affidavit said. The warrant did not reveal when the incident took place.

The suspect's roommate said in the affidavit that he believed Liao stole the gun from him. The roommate also said he bought the Cougar-brand 9 mm 8000 series handgun from McBride's Gun Shop. He claimed Liao traded the pistol for another weapon and cash.

LaToya Hill, Student Emergency Services coordinator and supervisor of the behavior concern line, said the University began the hot line on Aug. 29, 2007, as a proactive measure to ensure a safe University environment. She said that last month the service received about two to three calls per week.

"It serves as a resource for the caller, but then it also allows the University to respond if the individual is in distress," she said.

The service works as a partnership between the dean of students' office, UTPD, the counseling and mental health center and the employee assistance program.

"I think it is the most important prevention tool on campus," Hill said. "Often you see with some of these situations that somebody knew some-

thing and didn't say anything. This one line allows individuals to pick up the phone, take some responsibility and say, 'This is a concern for me.'"

Hill said she urges students to call in at any hour to report odd behavior.

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Study: 27% of faculty are coupled with another prof

By Amie Glover
U-WIRE

AUSTIN, Texas — Students might plan on meeting their future spouse on campus. So might professors.

According to a February 2007 publication by the American Society for Cell Biology, almost 27 percent of faculty are coupled with a fellow faculty member.

While universities nationwide are increasingly focused on gaining a competitive edge in research, athletics, the arts and social justice issues, they are also increasingly affected by romantic partnerships among faculty. "Dual-career academic couples," as they are commonly called, are populating university campuses in growing numbers.

In line with national trends, the number of UT faculty members coupled with other scholars is on the rise. Spouses may office down the hall from one another, as is the case with communications studies professors John Daly and Anita Vangelisti. The two have co-authored a book and more than 13 articles.

Daly said that couples who choose to collaborate should also assert their intellectual independence.

"It's important to disagree," Daly said. "If you collaborate, people always think one person's really smart and the other one's carried by the other."

Daly also cautioned that even

professors need a break from school sometimes and stressed the importance of leaving work at the office and not bringing it home.

While some professors are married before coming to UT, others meet on campus. Associate English professor Beth Hedrick said she met her husband, associate history professor Bruce Hunt, while she was doing research for a paper.

"I was writing an essay with connections between literature and the history of science, and a colleague of mine said, 'Why don't you talk to this guy in the history department?'" Hedrick said.

The two began dating, were later married and now have two children. Incidentally, they now carpool with another UT faculty couple.

Some couples even collaborate in class. Kinesiology lecturers Phil and Dixie Stanforth teach a course together, alternating days.

"Most days, we don't see each other," Dixie said. "It's different for everybody. We have our focus out of work, at home."

Daly also said that the benefits of working alongside one's spouse are not only academic.

"I can pop in her office and get a kiss," Daly said, smiling. "It's fun to watch students when they see you holding hands with another professor, it's nice to have two cars on campus so you can leave love notes on each other's cars."

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Muslim Student Association Prayer Room
204 Olscamp

12 - 3 p.m.

Law Society Bake Sale
Union Table Space

7 - 9 p.m.

The Content of Your Caricature
308 Union

7 - 11:30 p.m.

Creed on Campus meeting
201 Olscamp

7 - 10 p.m.

CRU Thursday meeting
101 Olscamp

8 p.m.

World Percussion Night
Kobacker Hall,
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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What would your presidential campaign theme song be?



"It's a Small World After All," in the spirit of global awareness.
JENNIFER BENSON, Sophomore, Biology/Bio-Chemistry



"Dirty Deeds," by AC/DC.
DYLAN BALDANZA, Senior, Philosophy and Psychology



"¿Porque no somos amigos?"
MONICA SCHNEIDERMAN, Senior, Math Ed./Int'l Studies



"We Are The Champions," by Queen.
JEREMY BLOCK, Sophomore, Marketing

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Have your own take on today's People On The Street? Or a suggestion for a question? Give us your feedback at bgnews.com.

What do you know about Africa?



KAMPIRE BAHANA
COLUMNIST

To the ignorant online commenter who referred to Africa as a "dung heap" in response to one of my previous columns: I probably shouldn't dignify you with a response, especially as you choose to hurl your racist comments while cowering in the comfort of online anonymity.

But what can I say? Americans don't have a monopoly on reactionary patriotism.

What do you really know about Africa, anyway?

Wait, don't answer that, let me guess: famines and poverty, people chopping each other's

"You may be able to recite all the years that the Indians made the playoffs, but what good is it if you don't know anything about the people around you?"

heads off because they're of a different tribe, crazed cannibalistic dictators, women with deflated breasts and babies with matchstick legs and bulbous stomachs and flies crawling over every orifice.

This is probably all you know of the "dung heap" you call my home, especially if the furthest you've been from yours is across the state line to buy Everclear in Kentucky.

This is the image of Africa you get from Western media sources — crazy, violent, hopeless victims trapped in an endless cycle

of despair.

Maybe you watched Leonardo DiCaprio attempt to fake a Boer accent while saving the poor Africans from themselves and decided you were qualified to judge an entire continent of 53 countries and over 900 million people. (And on a side note, why is it that movies that are supposedly about Africa always have a white protagonist?)

And fine, OK, maybe there's some truth to that image. Maybe there's a lot of truth to it.

Ordinary Africans every day pay the price of having indigenous institutions replaced by failed states arbitrarily created by imperial powers for the express purpose of exporting wealth.

They deal on a daily basis with the absorbing problems of survival, of bringing enough food home to the family when there is no sign of a paying job, of walking miles a day to find water good enough to drink (but probably still contaminated by

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Turn to problem-based learning to meet students' and profs' goals

SIDNEY RIBEAU | GUEST COLUMNIST

Last week I talked to a group of students about what it meant for the University to be a learning community. I listened to their ideas of how to continue development towards our vision of being the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation.

It struck me how students and faculty, both deeply committed to student learning and to the intellectual progress of all the community's members, often see the classroom learning experience in significantly different ways.

Faculty often want students to master a body of knowledge outlined in the course syllabus while recognizing that in today's world a mass of information is not enough.

Faculty work to help students develop skills and attitudes that contribute to students' intellectual maturation and personal growth and to be ready for a life that will likely flow through a series of careers or perhaps a next stop in graduate school.

What those careers will be, no one, faculty and student alike, can say, so faculty put an emphasis on fundamental knowledge and skills, and learning how to learn, as exemplified in the University's General Education curriculum.

Students, living their

"The University is making serious strides towards using a more diverse array of teaching methods, including problem-based learning."

educational experience, see their education from a very different perspective.

Listening to what the students said, many are preparing to "be" something — a musician or a biologist or a graphic artistic, etc. — that they imagine will begin in earnest upon graduation.

They want to connect their classroom learning to their personal aspirations and particularly their future career. They would like to understand how their courses fit together and how they prepare the student for a personally satisfying and financially enabling career.

Students are often conflicted about teaching methods. Memorization may be easy, but students recognize that this type of learning is transient; much of the content of the course is quickly forgotten after the final exam has been taken.

A tightly structured course is predictable, but may not provide the full range of challenges such as developing an appropriate mental framework on which to hang future learning.

Courses, considered out of context of a more holistic view of their own education, can seem content-driven and unconnected: They may lack the motivational aspects of social interaction and instructional variety.

Students who have grown up on our media-intensive culture appreciate "high production values" in the delivery of a course, and naturally appreciate a professor who is both highly knowledgeable and also entertaining.

Students often pursue their education "course by course" with little regard for the context that connects different areas of learning; faculty have already internalized a context which to them organizes and provides coherence across an entire curriculum.

A university education should ask each student to examine, and help each student determine, "how the pieces fit together" and how their education enables the attainment of their personal and professional goals.

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Few students read textbooks, but that shouldn't be surprising



CHAD PUTERBAUGH
COLUMNIST

Modern culture is saturated with the market system. From the number of advertisements one sees each day to even the sacrosanct realm of academics, the market is ever spreading.

This phenomenon has not come without consequence.

The American higher education system has traditionally been one of tremendous rigor and prestige. From cutting-edge ideas to the freedom to pursue them, intellectuals in the past century have flocked to the prospect of partaking in the American higher education system.

Yet, of late, there has been a decline in the quality of individuals who graduate with their bachelor's degree. While the impetus is likely to be multivariable, at least one is very apparent in everyday classrooms: Students don't read their textbooks.

If one is accustomed to looking, it is very plain to see who reads their textbook and who does not. Look for the blank stares in your class. Many critiques of modern education's decline often blame a decrease in liberal education and an increase in technical job training.

I propose that there is a very simple economic analysis to describe how the rise of technical education acts as an enabling

"Rationally, a student knows that he or she will be required to perform only so well in classes to get the minimum GPA."

mechanism, permitting students not to read their textbooks.

The opposite of the traditional, liberal education is sometimes referred to as a technical education.

The virtues of focusing one's attention on his or her future profession can streamline the training process, and allow students to enter the workforce in an expedited fashion.

Given that a technical career requires certification or licensing, a student will recognize an institution such as college as the primary mechanism to get a job in their desired industry.

Thus, in order for a student to get a job, there is at least one major goal to accomplish: graduate college.

Yet, a career is not the only part of a student's future life. Anyone alive also has a number of other things that he or she would like to do, from having friends, to skills and hobbies, to raising kids.

Each of these things requires part of one's time. It is a fact that time is limited, but there are an unlimited amount of desires for how to use that time.

If this is the case, then time usage becomes a complex game of "what do I value the most?"

A student who has chosen to get a technical education has already made the choice

that a large proportion of his or her time will be spent earning a degree. That time, however, might otherwise be spent on any number of things.

Whether those things are drinking a beer or playing video games, a student has inherently decided that learning is initially worth more than those other things.

When a student chooses to be a student, he or she did not choose to be a farmer or a video game player primarily. The choice was to invest in a career.

At any degree-granting college, part of the contract between the student and the educators is a list of requirements for graduation.

These often include required classes, and pertinent to this discussion, a required grade point average. A student must carry a minimum GPA to be labeled competent by his or her college.

The purpose of minimum competency for the college is a matter of liability and reputation, and it ensures that the student will have at least a bare minimum of training in preparation for his or her future job.

The student knows that to get that degree requires surpassing minimum competency.

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Offer domestic partner benefits

ASHLEY REARICK | GUEST COLUMNIST

Should lesbians and gays have the right to marry?

Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines marriage as the state of being united to a person of the opposite sex as husband or wife in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law.

However, I contend that this definition is subject to change based on historical time period, geographical location, and cultural traditions. In contemporary America, marriage is simply a personal commitment, a relationship of mutual love, support and respect.

Unfortunately, couples who are denied the right to marriage are also denied access to health care, medical decision-making, parenting rights, inheritance, taxation, Social Security and other government benefits.

According to a 2004 report by the General Accounting Office there are more than 1,138 ways in which married people are

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accorded special status under the law.

That's just from the federal government. If you add in state level protections as well as the infinite privileges marriage brings in private and public life we are talking about serious discrimination.

Still, I recognize that marriage is also, for some, a religious commitment. This is one reason it has become so controversial for same-sex couples to join together.

So let's forget about marriage for a second.

Do you realize that here at our own institution, Bowling Green State University, partners of faculty and staff do not receive the same benefits that are extended to spouses?

This includes medical and dental benefits, dependent life insurance, bereavement and sick leave, family medical leave and child resource services, just to name a few.

This is where our University lags behind: We do not currently offer a domestic partner benefits package as do many universities in our state such as Ohio State University, Ohio University and Miami University.

We need to take a step forward and offer some basic benefits. When other Ohio universities enacted their new policies, the costs were minuscule and the policies were well received by students, faculty and staff, and community members.

Whatever your beliefs on gay and lesbian marriage, can we agree to disagree and put those differences aside?

Each individual spouse and partner of a university employee deserves the civil right to certain benefits. As same-sex partners do not currently have the right to marriage, a policy needs to

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Time for serious work for Middle East peace



SEAN
LUTZMANN
COLUMNIST

From Cuba to Iran, Syria to Colombia, there appears to be a great sense within the Bush administration, its neo-conservative supporters and even many Democrats that by merely talking with enemy nations and/or political entities without any preconditions established, we would somehow weaken our position as the world's remaining military superpower.

This flawed strategy of relying on blunt military force or oppressive and ultimately ineffective economic sanctions instead of the utilization of serious diplomatic tools has failed us disastrously in Iraq, and it is on its way to failing us in another area in the Middle East — Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

The time to start seriously working towards a just and peaceful solution in the region and the enforcement of international law in Israel and the Occupied Territories of the Palestinian people is long overdue.

It's better late than never to achieve peace with justice in arguably the most fought over land on the face of the Earth (even if we are more than 40

"The worst thing to do at this point in time would be to ignore those who we need to negotiate with most."

years late in achieving it), but it is absolutely crucial to do so in an all-inclusive, well-informed and even-handed way.

But apparently there remains a strong element in both Israel and the United States that wishes to keep that goal from being achieved by continuing the policy of ignoring the legitimate voice of the Palestinian people.

Some American leaders like former President Jimmy Carter, who has become particularly outspoken about the issue of Palestinian human rights, strongly reject this strategy much to the dismay of the extremely powerful right-wing advocates of the Israel lobby that currently holds much influence over U.S. foreign policy.

The latest in criticisms leveled at Carter come as a result of his recent announcement that he will be talking with Khaled Mashaal, the political leader of Hamas, a Palestinian terrorist organization and political party which also happens to be the most recent legitimately elected majority party of the Palestinian General Assembly.

The Bush administration has decided to refuse to include Hamas in the peace talks currently being held in Annapolis between the highly unpopular Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

Such exclusion does nothing but undermine the legitimacy of any agreement that would come out as a result of the peace talks and would further alienate the desperate and impoverished cit-

izens of Palestine, who see their recently elected representatives without a say in how they will be governed in the future.

According to an interview Carter gave to an Israeli newspaper earlier this week, he plans on discussing with the Hamas leader such topics as the release of three Israeli soldiers captured by his and other militant organizations in the region, as well as the ever important issue of agreeing to a plan developed by neighboring Arab nations that would bring about a two-state peace settlement between Israel and a newly established and fully sovereign Palestinian state.

Now I know as soon as people hear the words "Muslim terrorist organization" they think Al-Qaeda and blood-thirsty anti-Semites who can't or won't negotiate to achieve peace in the region. At least, that's how Carter's critics like to frame it.

They forget however, that soon after Hamas took power in 2006 they did implement a unilateral ceasefire, and were willing to extend it for several decades more if Israel would reciprocate by withdrawing from those territories taken as a result of the "Six-day War" in 1967, which it is obligated to do by international law, and would begin the process of granting those Palestinians driven out of Israeli territory by previous conflicts the right to return to their former homes in present-day Israel.

One of the downsides of a unilateral ceasefire, however, is the fact that the other side

is not obligated to keep the peace, and after several Israeli attacks launched against other Palestinian militant groups which did not recognize the cease-fire declared by Hamas, resulting in the deaths of several innocent Palestinian bystanders, the cease-fire had been withdrawn and continues to be absent to this day.

Further inflaming the matter is the fact that Israel continues to illegally build settlements on Palestinian territory, which involves the demolition of the local Palestinian homes and farms which had been there for generations, such destruction has been documented by reports from Amnesty International and other international human rights groups, the most recent demolition having occurred in the Jordan Valley area of the West Bank.

Peace can never be achieved unless both sides are willing to concede on several points, and though this may appear to be all but impossible, the worst thing to do at this point in time would be to ignore those who we need to negotiate with most.

— Respond to Sean's column at thenews@bgnews.com.

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Too much attention too easy to get online



MARISHA
PIETROWSKI
COLUMNIST

Last week in Polk County, Fla., eight teenagers were charged as adults for the brutal beating given to a 16-year-old classmate. The beating was recorded by a witness hoping to show the clip on Web sites such as MySpace and YouTube so the six girls who attacked their classmate could gain popularity and notoriety.

The video has shown up on the Internet, but not in the ways the six girls and two boys behind the attack expected.

The incriminating video has lead those behind the attack to gain national attention for their actions and criminal charges ranging from kidnapping to battery.

According to the attackers, the beating was an act of revenge against the victim, who was posting insulting items about them on sites such as MySpace.

While it's regrettable the victim would use the Web site to post questionable items about her classmates, the retaliation, as well as the quest for popular-

"This misguided and disturbing attempt at revenge and fame has turned into life-altering criminal charges for those involved. Was it worth it?"

ity through the Internet, are even more disturbing.

Gossip and backstabbing are not new problems for teenagers, and conflicts will arise. Unfortunately, physical bullying is nothing uncommon for teenagers past and present either.

A case such as this shows an even uglier side of bullying than the physical or verbal act itself for revenge; it shows the idea that such acts are done in order to gain notoriety amongst a school community.

To make matters even worse, the Internet is being used as a way to gain attention for brutal attacks like these.

First of all, it would be interesting to find out if the teenagers who are behind the beating thought that they could get away with their plans to post this violent video on the Internet for anyone to see.

If any YouTube browser or MySpace friend can see videos you post, what is going to stop someone watching it to turn you in to authorities?

The Internet was the medium where the girls found out about the mean messages the victim was posting about them. If it was that easy for these messages to get into the "wrong" hands, how easy would it be for this video to also get into the "wrong" hands

(such as the police)?

Even if these girls hadn't beaten the victim to the point where she had to go to the hospital and press charges, someone may have turned them in.

These girls planned the attack and video well ahead of time, and it was used as a medium to gain attention.

This misguided and disturbing attempt at revenge and fame has turned into life-altering criminal charges for those involved. Was it worth it?

While the actions of the girls are deplorable, the video presents another issue: For the past week and a half, clips of the violent video were shown all across the nation's television stations and Web sites.

Is it right that these girls are gaining fame (although they don't seem to be popular with the anti-bullying majority of the nation) for their actions, and that the victim is known nationwide for being a victim?

I am bothered when I see images of the beating on TV, and I wonder if it is right to keep propagating the clip on countless media outlets.

While human curiosity is natural, it should not be at the expense of a victim such as this girl, nor should it give more attention, positive or negative, to those who are

behind the attacks.

It appears though, that this story is too good for some people to pass up. Producers of Dr. Phil's talk show posted the \$30,000 bond for one of the attackers, because, according to Florida's WFTV, "the Dr. Phil Show had exclusive rights to the story."

Yes, Dr. Phil's show freed a charged criminal in order to create television. Of course, once this fact was released, the show quickly cancelled their plans to produce the episode, but the mere fact this happened leads one to the question: How far is too far?

What is our definition of entertainment, and to what lengths are people willing to go in order to find something "fascinating"?

Maybe some good will arise from this situation.

Maybe this case will show potential bullies the consequences of horrific actions such as these (and how easy it is to get caught, especially with video evidence) and similar events can be prevented.

Or, maybe society will just wait for another similar video to replay again and again, and give the bullies exactly what they want: attention.

Dr. Phil still needs a show, and an Internet star/teenage violence hybrid special would bring in the big ratings during sweeps.

Step on it, teenagers!

— Respond to Marisha's column at theneus@bgnews.com.

RIBEAU

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New and innovative teaching methods, extending beyond traditional lecture format, can help students "connect the pieces" and prepare for the real-world challenges ahead. One such teaching method increasingly used on our campus is "problem-based learning."

Problem-based learning uses a problem or project as the centerpiece of the learning experience, with the approaches and tools of a particular field of study having a supporting rather than a central role.

If you think of the big problems of our society, the things students are really concerned about, most are not algebra problems, or chemistry problems or English problems.

Rather, such problems as global warming, Ohio's economic development and terrorism are big and multi-faceted, transcending any single discipline and any single approach for solution.

Understanding and dealing with global warming involves many and, from an academic perspective, disparate fields including population studies, engineering, climatology, energy, politics, economics, graphics and computing, and potentially many more.

Trying to study global warming from the perspective of any one discipline is analogous to the proverb about a blind person feeling an elephant's tail and believing that what he has felt describes the elephant.

Problem-based learning normally requires people to work in teams, determine how to organize and structure the problem, determine an appro-

priate scope, do independently guided primary and secondary research and then jointly explore both the underlying rationale and prospective approaches to the problem.

PBL is highly motivating to students since it often deals with real problems and real solutions, models the messiness and complexity of the "real world" and prepares students for the trans-disciplinary challenges they will face in their careers after graduation.

The University is making serious strides towards using a more diverse array of teaching methods, including problem-based learning.

"First Year Experience" is being redesigned to provide students with more context for their learning and to use problem-based learning as one of its learning strategies. The Honors Program is redesigning its lower-division courses to include PBL.

The College of Business uses PBL extensively in the realistic business cases that its students analyze. A forward-looking proposal, Premier Learning 2020 which you can read about on the Provost's Web site, proposes that PBL be a distinctive element of a University education.

The University's Premier Learning Community provides the social context in which students and faculty enable and support each other's learning, and helps students "connect the pieces." When students take responsibility for their own learning and synthesize across what they have learned, they are able to shape the arc of their own lives.

— Ribeau is the University President. Respond to his column at theneus@bgnews.com.

REARICK

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be enacted that will extend to them the benefits that spouses receive.

If we prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status, then our policies must reflect it.

We need domestic partner benefits, and we need them now.

I urge you to contact your Undergraduate Student Government representatives, write a letter to Dr. Ribeau or to a member of the Board of Trustees, or to voice to opinion in the local paper or here in The BG News to share with others that you will not stand for this discrimination any longer.

— Rearick is a senior majoring in French. Respond to her column at theneus@bgnews.com.

CHAD

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Rationally, a student knows that he or she will be required to perform only so well in classes to get the minimum GPA.

The result of this equation is that a student only needs to work so hard in class. How hard? Only as hard as a particular class requires to get by. Often, indeed too often,

people can squeak without having touched their textbook all semester.

The plain truth, however, is that there is no economic incentive to do more work than this. Perhaps, ultimately, it is the professor's job to provide that motivation.

— Respond to Chad's column at theneus@bgnews.com.

BAHANA

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guinea worm, bilharzia, cholera, take your pick), of deciding between vaccinating your kids against yellow fever or sending them to school next year. What was the hardest decision you made yesterday — Chinese food or pizza?

And yet in spite of all the hardship and depressing debilitating poverty, the people of Africa are still a million times cooler than you — you apathetic, overprivileged, whiny, selfish, uninformed and spineless commenter.

I bet I could pull a falling-down drunk off the steps of a shabbeen in any of the slums within an overcrowded African city and he could tell you more about America, the country, than you could about the whole continent of Africa.

Yes, you may know about the war, the genocide, the famine, but do you know about white-water rafting the Zambezi River and sandboarding the tallest

dunes in the world in Namibia?

Do you know about the ancient universities at Timbuktu where Greek philosophers learned at the feet of Africans? Do you know about the philosophy and astronomy of the Dogon people?

Have you read of the Egyptian mythology of Horus which pre-dates (but sounds an awful lot like) the story of Jesus? Have you listened to the original blues of Malian musician Ali Farka Touré or the rhythmic chanting that gave hip hop music its roots on Goree Island?

Do you know what it is like to stop for elephants crossing the highway in Botswana or to sit in a tree in your backyard and eat mangoes to your stomach's content? Have you ever had a conversation with the 9-year-old girl selling groundnuts on the street to make enough to buy her school uniform?

While the guy with his belly full of a good home-brewed millet beer probably doesn't own a TV or subscribe to The New York Times online, you have a wealth

of information at your fingertips, so what exactly is your excuse?

You may be able to recite all the years that the Indians made the playoffs, but what good is it if you don't know anything about the people around you?

The campus gives a unique opportunity to the average American student to learn about Africa. There is a large number of students from Kenya, Zambia, Nigeria, Ghana and other countries who live and study here.

We have a thriving Africana Studies program and the African People's Association is always making the effort to bridge the gap between African students and their American counterparts.

This week is African Heritage Week, so take the opportunity to check out the events being offered for your benefit. Do yourself (and everyone else around you) a favor and learn something about the place before you make sweeping condemnations.

Challenge yourself at the APA quiz night and see how

much you really know about my people. Watch Mondé Leck's play this Friday "A Present for the Past" and brush up on the history of why Africa is a continent in turmoil today.

There is a cure for your ignorance, as for what to do about your antisocial personality and cowardice is completely your own problem.

As for me, I am obviously proud of where I am from. When I see the land of my birth burning, the people I love hacking each other to bits, senile dictators refusing to release their clutching arthritic hands from the wealth of the nation, my heart bleeds.

My heart bleeds for the homeland that you call a "dung heap" because I know just how much African people are worth and just how much they go through just to survive. I know that beautiful flowers and fruits and vegetables grow from dung heaps.

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DNA samples raise civil liberties questions

By Eileen Sullivan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government plans to begin collecting DNA samples from anyone arrested by a federal law enforcement agency — a move intended to prevent violent crime but which also is raising concerns about the privacy of innocent people.

Using authority granted by Congress, the government also plans to collect DNA samples from foreigners who are detained, whether they have been charged or not. The DNA would be collected through a cheek swab, Justice Department spokesman Erik Ablin said yesterday. That would be a departure from current practice, which limits DNA collection to convicted felons.

Expanding the DNA database, known as CODIS, raises civil liberties questions about the potential for misuse of such personal information, such as family ties and genetic conditions.

Ablin said the DNA collection would be subject to the same privacy laws applied to current DNA sampling. That means none of it would be used for identifying genetic traits, diseases or disorders.

Congress gave the Justice Department the authority to

expand DNA collection in two different laws passed in 2005 and 2006.

There are dozens of federal law enforcement agencies, ranging from the FBI to the Library of Congress Police. The federal government estimates it makes about 140,000 arrests each year.

Justice officials estimate the new collecting requirements would add DNA from an additional 1.2 million people to the database each year. Those who support the expanded collection believe that DNA sampling could get violent criminals off the streets and prevent them from committing more crimes.

A Chicago study in 2005 found that 53 murders and rapes could have been prevented if a DNA sample had been collected upon arrest.

"Many innocent lives could have been saved had the government began this kind of DNA sampling in the 1990s when the technology to do so first became available," Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said. Kyl sponsored the 2005 law that gave the Justice Department this authority.

Thirteen states have similar laws: Alaska, Arizona, California, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Bush sets target date for pollution reduction

By H. Josef Hebert
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush called for a halt yesterday in the growth of greenhouse gases by 2025, acknowledging the need to head off serious climate change.

The plan came under fire immediately from environmentalists and congressional Democrats who favor mandatory emission cuts, a position also held by all three presidential contenders.

Bush in a Rose Garden address for the first time set a specific target date for U.S. climate pollution reductions and said he was ready to commit to a binding international agreement on long-term reductions as long as other countries such as China do the same.

"There is a wrong way and a right way to approach reducing greenhouse gas emissions," Bush said, making clear that he opposes a Senate measure that would impose mandatory limits on greenhouse gases beginning in five years, followed by annual reductions.

"Bad legislation would impose tremendous costs on our economy and American families without accomplishing the important climate change goals we share," the president said.

He said he envisions a "comprehensive blend of market incentives and regulations" that would encourage clean and efficient energy technologies. And he singled out the electric utility industry, saying power plants need to stabilize carbon dioxide pollution within 15 years and reduce them after that.

While characterized by the White House as a fresh strategy to attack climate change, the president gave no new proposals for achieving these pollution reductions.

He cited, instead, measures already enacted such as a 40 percent increase in auto fuel economy, a requirement for a huge increase in use of ethanol and other biofuels, and some efficiency standards, as well as a push for developing clean energy technologies.

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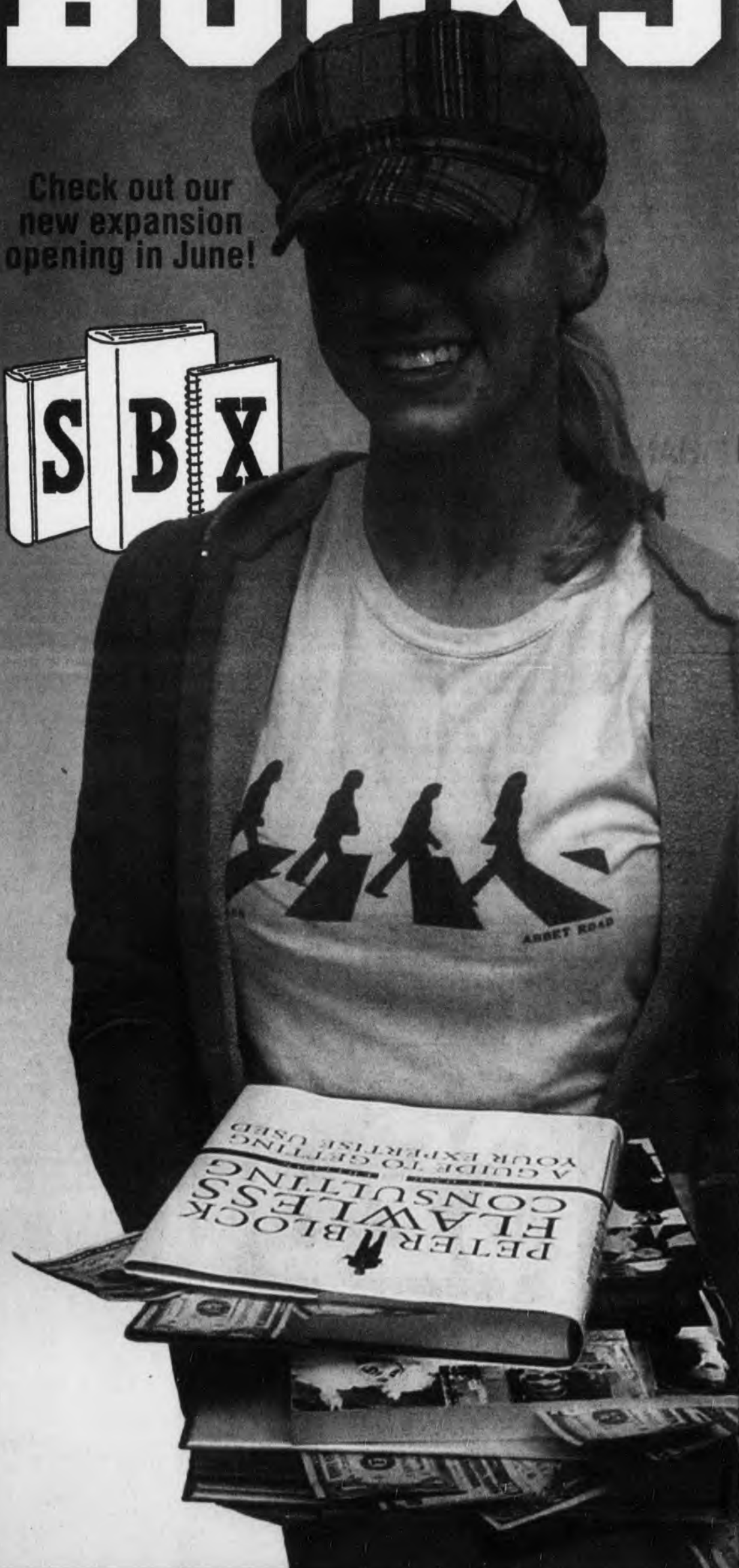
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Former N.J. mayor convicted of corruption, fraud charges

'Stunning' verdict comes after an illegal land purchase by mayor's ex-mistress

By Jeffrey Gold
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Former Mayor Sharpe James and his ex-mistress were convicted yesterday of corruption charges centered on her cut-rate purchase of city land.

The verdicts were a stunning rebuke to James, who was mayor of New Jersey's largest city for 20 years and took credit for redevelopment that included a pro hockey arena.

"I'm willing to bet this will be the first line in his obit," U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie said outside court of the taint on James' legacy.

James, 72, was convicted of all five charges he faced, including fraud and conspiracy.

His former girlfriend, Tamika Riley, was convicted of those charges and eight others, including evading taxes and cheating to obtain subsidized housing

assistance for herself.

Both remain free on bail pending sentencing, scheduled for July 29. Their lawyers said they planned appeals.

Although some of the charges can carry sentences as stiff as 20 years, a more probable sentence for James is about seven to eight years, prosecutors said. James could also be stripped of pensions that provide a six-figure annual income.

Neither James nor Riley, 39, showed any emotion as the jury foreman spoke the word "guilty" 22 times. An expressionless James left the courtroom without speaking to reporters and left the building through a back entrance. His lawyer declined comment, except to say James would appeal.

"Tamika is deeply disappointed with the verdict," said her lawyer, Gerald Krovinin.

Riley was a publicist who once ran a clothing boutique

near City Hall. James was mayor from 1986 to 2006 and also a Democratic state senator from 1999 to January 2008.

Prosecutors charged that James abused his office and betrayed his constituents by arranging for the sale of nine city-owned properties for \$46,000 to Riley from 2001 to 2005. Riley quickly sold them for \$665,000 without starting required rehabilitation work on most of them, prosecutors said.

James' attorneys argued that no evidence showed that the mayor assisted Riley or even had knowledge of her transactions, and that the mayor's interest in redeveloping the struggling city was well within the scope of his duties.

They stressed that the Newark City Council, not the mayor, had final approval over the land prices and sales. James' team presented only two witnesses, both members of the council,

who said James never tried to influence their decisions.

Krovinin blamed Riley's real estate lawyers for failing to protect her from missteps in the land deals. He said she got no special treatment because of her affair with James, a married man, and claimed she was swept up in the investigation of James only because of their "intimate" relationship.

Neither James nor Riley testified during the trial, which included five weeks of testimony from 40 witnesses.

Krovinin told the jury that the affair lasted just six months, ending in the fall 2002. Prosecutors suggested the affair lasted several years, with one witness saying it started around 2000 and went to 2006.

"This is a guy who believed the property of the people of the city of Newark was property he could feel free to give to pay off his girlfriend," Christie said.



MIKE DERER | AP PHOTO

NOT INNOCENT: Sharpe James, former mayor of Newark, N.J., arrives at the U.S. District Courthouse in Newark yesterday, where a jury found him guilty of corruption.

NATION BRIEFS

Neighbors plant forks as pranking revenge

DUBUQUE, Iowa — When known pranksters Rick and Marilyn Jones left town for a wedding, neighbors seeking payback eyed their property and decided to stick a fork in it — a few thousand forks, in fact.

Tom and Paula Tschudi planted 3,000 white plastic forks in the Jones yard and dangled more from the roof, fence and garage.

"We just wanted to do something funny to them, because every time we leave, they pull some prank on us," said Paula Tschudi, who promised to help pick up the forks.

Over the years, the Joneses have strung beer cans like holiday lights around the Tschudis' home, put a for-sale sign in their yard and strung yellow crime-scene tape around chalk outlines of bodies on the sidewalk.

Police arrest man with deadly toxin

By Ken Ritter
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — An unemployed graphic designer who authorities believe was nearly killed by ricin was arrested yesterday on federal charges of possessing the deadly toxin in what he described as an "exotic idea," never carried out, to poison unspecified enemies.

Roger Bergendorff was arrested upon his release from the hospital where he had been treated since Feb. 14.

He is charged with possession of a biological toxin and two weapons offenses stemming from materials authorities said were found Feb. 26 and Feb. 28 in his room at an extended-stay motel several blocks off the Las Vegas Strip.

"He was released from the hospital and he's in custody," said FBI Special Agent Joseph Dickey,

"It's my impression that he didn't understand the hazard he posed."

Erich Bergendorff | Brother

spokesman for the bureau's Las Vegas office.

The charges carry a possible penalty of 30 years in federal prison and a \$750,000 fine. Bergendorff, 57, was scheduled to appear yesterday afternoon before a federal judge in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas.

Prosecutors allege in a six-page complaint that Bergendorff obtained castor beans by mail in June 2002 and made ricin from them while living in Reno and in the basement of his cousin's house in Riverton, Utah.

Cancer research is the only legal use for ricin, which has no antidote and can be lethal in amounts the size of the head of a pin.

Authorities do not allege Bergendorff's possession of ricin had anything to do with terrorism, according to court documents.

"Bergendorff characterized the production of ricin as an 'exotic idea,'" the complaint said.

Over the course of several interviews with the FBI, "Bergendorff admitted that there have been people who have made him mad over the years and he had thoughts about causing them harm to the point of making some plans," the complaint said. "However, he maintained that he never acted on those thoughts or plans."

Officials say Bergendorff's symptoms were consistent with ricin exposure, but it may never be certain that the toxin sickened him because all traces of the substance are eliminated from the body within days, and the ricin in his hotel room was found well after he got sick.

Bergendorff's cousin Thomas Tholen, 54, was charged this month in Salt Lake City with misprision of felony, which officials said means he had knowledge of a crime but failed to report it.

Bergendorff told investigators that Tholen was not involved in the production of the toxin.

Roger Bergendorff's brother,

Erich Bergendorff, said he spoke with him Tuesday by telephone. "He just said he wasn't going to face charges, but I don't think that was based on fact," said Erich Bergendorff, who lives in Escondido, Calif. "It's my impression that he didn't understand the hazard he posed."

Erich Bergendorff said he did not know whether his brother had spoken to an attorney.

Bergendorff, who lived with his dog and two cats, summoned an ambulance to his Las Vegas motel room Feb. 14, complaining of respiratory distress. He spent almost four weeks unconscious at a Las Vegas hospital. Family members said he also was treated for kidney failure.

Another mistrial in the 'Liberty City Seven' case

By Curt Anderson
The Associated Press

MIAMI — A federal judge declared another mistrial yesterday against six men accused of plotting to spark an anti-government war by toppling Chicago's Sears Tower and bombing FBI offices.

U.S. District Judge Joan Lenard ordered a mistrial when jurors reported they were deadlocked after 13 days of deliberation in the case of the so-called "Liberty City Seven." The first trial ended in a mistrial in December because of a hung jury for the same six defendants and the acquittal of a seventh.

Lenard set an April 23 hearing on whether a third trial would occur. U.S. Attorney R. Alexander Acosta said in a statement a decision on whether to try the men a third time would be announced at that hearing.

The six could have faced up to 70 years in prison if convicted of four conspiracy charges.

Defense lawyers indicated in court they would seek to have the men released on bail at next week's hearing.

Jurors in this trial first reported a stalemate last Friday and sent out a second note reporting an impasse on Tuesday. Each time, Lenard ordered the seven-man, five-woman jury, whose names are secret, to keep trying.

"They've deliberated. They've discussed this case inside and out," said Rod Vereen, who represents defendant Stanley Phanor. "At this point, enough is enough."

The jury refused media requests for interviews. Their identities are being kept secret under Lenard's orders, and deputy U.S. marshals barred reporters from speaking directly with the jurors after the mistrial was announced.

The defendants were arrested in a June 2006 operation hailed by the Bush administration as a prime example of the post-Sept.

"They've deliberated. They've discussed this case ... At this point, enough is enough."

Rod Vereen | Phanor's Representative

11 strategy of preventing terrorism plots in the earliest possible stages. Yet there was no evidence the group ever acquired explosives or took concrete steps toward staging the attacks.

The case was built on hundreds of FBI audio and video recordings and the testimony of two paid FBI informants, one of whom posed as an al-Qaida operative sent from overseas to help the group put together its plan.

One key video recording showed the informant, known to the group as Brother Mohammed, having the men make an oath of allegiance to al-Qaida. Some also took pictures of the FBI office and other federal buildings in Miami, which prosecutors called surveillance for future attacks.

Accused ringleader Narseal Batiste, however, insisted in more than a week of testimony that he was faking interest in the plots in hopes of conning \$50,000 out of Mohammed, whose real name is Elie Assad. Batiste said his group was focused on doing charitable works in the impoverished Liberty City neighborhood and on helping their construction business.

Batiste led a sect called the Moorish Science Temple that blends elements of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and does not recognize the authority of the U.S. government. The group met at a building called "the Embassy" and later at a warehouse wired for eavesdropping by the FBI.

The man acquitted after the first trial, 33-year-old Lyglenson Lemorin, is facing deportation to Haiti over the same terrorism allegations.

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Tiger Woods has surgery on knee

The World's No. 1 golfer will likely be out of action for four to six weeks.

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Two sports authors visit BG

The event is scheduled to take place today at 6 p.m. in the Union.

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1997—New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur is second NHL netminder to score in a playoff game.

1984—Braves pitcher Pascual Perez suspended due to cocaine use.

1964—First game at Shea Stadium, NY Mets lose to the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3.

1933—Chicago Bears win their first NFL Game beating N.Y. Giants 23-21.

The List

With the NBA season coming to a close last night, we thought it would be a good idea to name our All-NBA team for the past season:

1. PG — Chris Paul, New Orleans Hornets: New Orleans wrapped up the Southwest division crown and CP-3 was one of the main reasons for it.

2. SG — Kobe Bryant, Los Angeles Lakers: Bryant guided the Lakers to the best record in the Western conference and is the leading candidate for the MVP.

3. SF — LeBron James, Cleveland Cavaliers: James led the Cavs through a rollercoaster of a season filled with injuries, trades and holdouts.

4. PF — Kevin Garnett, Boston Celtics: The rebirth of the Boston Celtics can be attributed to KG and the little things he does for the C's.

5. C — Dwight Howard, Orlando Magic: Howard is becoming the game's premier big man, and his presence gives more open looks to Rashard Lewis and Hedo Turkoglu for three.

Falcon offense stays hot, out-slugs UT 15-11

By Nate Parsons
Reporter

Two big innings catapulted the BG baseball team to its fifth win in its last six contests.

The Falcons plated seven in the second and four in the sixth to defeat Toledo 15-11 yesterday in a non-conference match-up at Scott Park.

With the winds exceeding 25 miles per hour, the Falcon bats hit five home runs, including two in each of the second and sixth innings. BG (17-13) has now hit 22 home runs in its last six games.

Leading the long-ball barrage was Derek Spencer, who hit his first of two homers on the day in the Falcons' big second inning that saw 13 batters in the box and seven runs on six hits.

After being down 1-0 going



Derek Spencer

Went 4-4 with two home runs and four runs batted in

into the second, Spencer got the offense started for BG when he hit a home run to start the inning. Brian Hangbers followed by hitting his seventh homer of the year two batters later.

The Rockets (9-21) followed with four in the bottom of the second and three in the fifth to take an 8-7 lead, but the Falcons followed with another big inning.

Ryan Shay homered (3) to start the inning, and after a walk to Marty Baird and Spencer, pinch hitter Dennis Vaughn hit his third home run of the year to push the Falcons' lead to 11-8.

"It looks like Derek Spencer is getting very comfortable in that four-hole spot. He's really been swinging the bat well."

Danny Schmitz | BG coach

UT tied it back up in the seventh, but BG scored two in the eighth and two more in the ninth from Spencer's second homer of the day and fifth in his last five games.

"It looks like Derek Spencer is getting very comfortable in that four-hole spot," said BG coach Danny Schmitz about Spencer's recent home-run spurt. "He's really been swinging the bat well."

While the Falcons' offense was impressive, the Rockets' pitching wasn't, but that was to be expected.

With the second-worst pitch-

ing staff in the Mid-American Conference, the Rockets threw five pitchers at the Falcons with none of them going more than 2.1 innings.

Starter Kyle Rawlings went 1.2 innings, giving up seven runs (five earned) on six hits.

Nick Cantrell (5-3) picked up the win for the Falcons after giving up only two runs (one earned) in 3 2/3 innings of relief.

Knowing UT had a sub-par pitching staff, BG still wanted to keep the offense simple and do

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BOWLING GREEN 5,9 | DETROIT 0,1

Falcons show no Mercy

BG takes both games from the Titans

By Andrew Harner
Reporter

One day after being named the Mid-American Conference East Player of the Week, Allison Vallas struck again.

Vallas singled, doubled, reached on an error and walked twice against the University of Detroit-Mercy in a double-header yesterday at the BG softball field. She also scored three runs and had two RBIs.

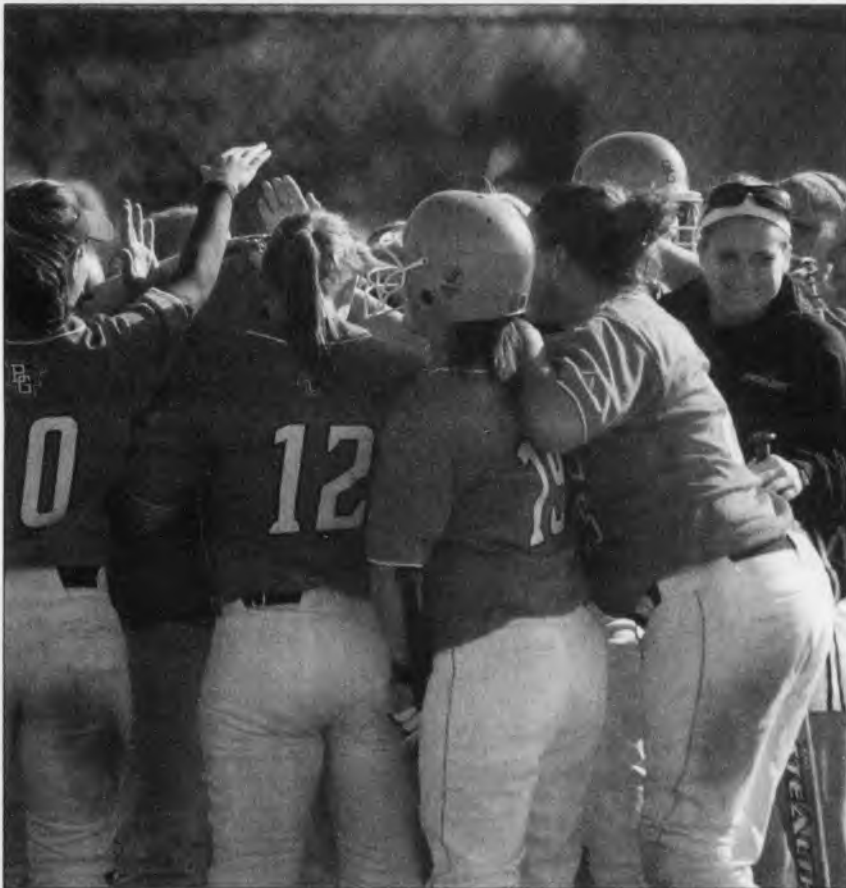
"If she didn't get [player of the week], I'd wonder what the other person did," said BG coach Shannon Salsburg. "Every time she was up, it seemed like she'd drive somebody in."

Last week, Vallas hit .462 with three home runs and eight RBIs en route to her third career player of the week award.

The rest of the Falcons were also ready to play yesterday as they outscored Detroit 14 to one over the two games.

In game one, BG got on the board in the first, stringing together two infield singles and a walk to load the bases. Emily Gouge then flied to right, but Breana Sesoko's error allowed Hayley Wiemer and Susan Sontag to score.

The day was short-lived for Detroit starter Kelli Short. She was pulled after again loading the bases with two more walks



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DOUBLING UP: The Falcons took both games of the scheduled doubleheader against UD. BG won the games 5-0 and 9-1 respectively.

and allowing a run on a wild pitch.

"It shows the confidence this team is building," Salsburg said of her team's first inning. "They want to come out and protect their turf."

After a quick second, Vallas and Gouge put up back-to-back doubles in the third to give the Falcons a 4-0 lead.

Wiemer helped her own

cause in the fifth, leading off the inning with a home run to right field.

She also pitched strong the entire game, retiring the last 13 batters to preserve a 5-0 win for BG.

"That's a combination of solid defense and good pitching," Salsburg said. "That's never a bad thing."

The solid offense and pitch-

ing carried over into the second-game as BG won 9-1 in a five inning mercy ruling.

The Falcons again started out strong, scoring five times in the first inning after falling behind 1-0.

Dawnjene DeLong led off the inning with a single and scored

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Gymnastics competes at Regionals for first time in four years

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

While as a team BG's season ended with a dismal seventh place finish in the MAC championships, March 29 at Kent State, two Falcons got to compete one more time last Saturday in the NCAA regionals.

Sophomore Breanne Guy and senior Jacque Bernhardt both traveled to Baton Rouge, the first time BG has sent an athlete to regionals in four years. For Guy it was her second trip to regionals, her first with Arkansas last season, and the first time she competed in the all-around.

Bernhardt, who was a team leader all year on the vault, got to compete in her specialty for the last time on one of the biggest stages.

"It was really exciting. I was an assistant coach the last time we sent an athlete to regionals," said coach Kerrie Beach. "To have seen it then and then wait such a long time to get there was exciting. Having sent two athletes shows we're really taking the program in the right direction."

Both athletes did not disappoint as Bernhardt finished her collegiate career finishing 25th overall in the vault with a score of 9.775.

Winning the vault competition was Louisiana State University's Ashleigh Claire-Kearney, who recorded a perfect 10, the only one of the night.

Coach Beach was impressed with Bernhardt's performance, as she was able to perform well out of her usual element and finish her career on a strong note.

"Jacque did an absolutely great job, that was one of her better vaults this year," Beach said.

"It's very hard to compete as an individual and score well when, with your team, you're trying to build score after score on an event. When you're by yourself it's more challenging, so while her score may not be the best of the season, it was one of her better vaults."

While Bernhardt completed her career, Guy still has two more years and showed why she was BG's MVP this season, placing 16th in the all-around competition.

On the night, Guy recorded a 38.175, performing well in all four categories despite a fall on the balance beam, which was her weak point all season.

Guy's best finishes came on floor, where she finished 35th overall, and vault, where she took 21st.

"I think I could've done better, but that's just me. I'm hard on myself," Guy said. "Vault went really well, I was happy with that."

As Guy returns next season, coach Beach and the Falcons look to improve over the off-season and qualify as a team for regionals next season.

"We've told Bre and Jacque to relay the experience to the team, so they understand the excitement, what it was like to be competing in that setting, the huge crowd, and really help use that to show that the MAC is not the end of the season," Beach said.

"There is still more to be done. Beach believes that if BG stays healthy next year, they can go to regionals, as they will return nine letter winners and 16 athletes to a team that went 9-1 this past season."



Jacque Bernhardt

Finished 25th overall in the vault with a score of 9.775

Dozier, Fink selected as No. 1 picks for spring game on Sat.

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

Yesterday afternoon, the BG football team and coaching staff descended upon the Sebo Center for the second annual spring game draft.

Unlike the NFL, there were no Mel Kiper scouting reports or Tony Kornheiser quips, just the all-important first choices. The event was all about setting the stage for the brown vs. orange scrimmage that is set to take place Saturday at noon.

The top five prospects at the top of both teams' draft boards included defensive end Dyral Briggs, wideout Freddie Barnes, running back Willie Geter, defensive tackle Jacob Hardwick, offensive lineman Jeff Fink and linebacker Erique Dozier. Each team was then put on the clock to make their first pick.

"All the six guys up there are very deserving."

Jeff Fink | BG Offensive Lineman

Within a matter of only a few minutes, the orange team made the first selection of the draft — Dozier. The pick was greeted with loud approval from his teammates in attendance.

After receiving his Falcons' hat that he would later have to return and an orange No. 1 jersey that may or may not have belonged to receiver Corey Partridge, the former All-Ohio defensive player from Garfield High School was very pleased.

"I think it's an honor to have

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TOP PICKS: Erique Dozier, left, and Jeff Fink, right, were selected as the No. 1 picks for the BG spring game that will take place on Saturday. Dozier was the first selection of the Orange squad and Fink was the Brown squad's first selection.

Woods to miss 4 to 6 weeks after surgery

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

The U.S. Open figured to be the closest to a sure thing for Tiger Woods in the majors this year, but maybe not anymore.

Two days after his quest for a Grand Slam fizzled at the Masters, Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee for the second time in five years and will miss at least four weeks while he recovers.

The announcement, which Woods made Tuesday night on his Web site, was a surprise to everyone except those around him.

"He's been having a lot of trouble," swing coach Hank Haney said. "He doesn't talk about stuff like that. He doesn't want to use excuses, you know? I don't think it affected his play. It affected his practice a little bit."

The surgery was performed in Park City, Utah, by Thomas Rosenberg, who also operated on Woods' left knee in December 2002. Woods also had surgery in 1994 on his left knee to remove a benign tumor.

"I made the decision to deal with the pain and schedule the surgery for after the Masters," Woods said on his Web site. "The upside is that I have been through this process before and know how to handle it. I look forward to working through the rehabilitation process and getting back to action as quickly as I can."

But he will not be able to defend his title in two weeks at the Wachovia Championship. And he most likely will miss The Players Championship the week after, one of only three non-majors he has never missed since turning pro. Provided rehab goes as expected, Woods hopes to return at the Memorial on May 29.

The U.S. Open begins June 12 at Torrey Pines, where Woods has won six times in the Buick Invitational. Such is his dominance on the cliffside course north of San Diego that when

"Tiger has been experiencing pain in his knee since the middle of last year, and when he had it looked at by his doctors, arthroscopic surgery was recommended."

Mark Steinberg | Woods' Agent

he opened with a 67 on the South Course this year, a caddie standing behind the 18th green remarked, "He just won two tournaments with one round."

Indeed, Woods went on to an eight-shot victory in his 2008 debut, the first of four straight victories this year.

But it was not necessarily a pain-free affair.

"Tiger has been experiencing pain in his knee since the middle of last year, and when he had it looked at by his doctors, arthroscopic surgery was recommended," said Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG. "Tiger has played through the pain in the past, but knew it would be better for him to have the procedure done as early as possible."

Steinberg said the surgery repaired cartilage damage. The 2002 surgery drained fluid from around the anterior cruciate ligament and removed a benign cyst.

Woods was limping and wincing toward the end of the '02 season, and it was not surprising to find out he had surgery that kept him out two months, most of that over the holidays.

This time, it only made sense upon reviewing the past nine months.

Woods stumbled and grimaced ever so slightly at Southern Hills last August in the PGA Championship, when he chipped in for birdie behind the eighth green in the final round and backpedaled for a fist pump. In the final two PGA Tour events, in Chicago and Atlanta, he occasionally would press his left foot against a cooler, presumably to stretch his knee.

But it sure didn't affect his golf,

not even at the Masters, where he finished three shots behind Trevor Immelman.

"He hit 14 greens in regulation on Sunday," Haney said. "Hard to say it was the knee."

Woods won the Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship in consecutive weeks, then tied for second behind Phil Mickelson at the Deutsche Bank Championship. That was his last loss until late March, the longest winning streak of his career, which covered five PGA Tour events, the Dubai Desert Classic on the European Tour, and his unofficial Target World Challenge in December.

"I knew he was going to do something this year," Haney said, referring to surgery. "I just didn't know when."

Woods has a remarkable track record when returning from a long layoff. After the '02 surgery, he won three of his first four events, including an 11-shot victory at Bay Hill.

This will be the second time in two years, however, that he missed a chunk of time between the Masters and the U.S. Open. He sat out nine weeks in 2006 to cope with the May death of his father, not returning until the U.S. Open at Winged Foot. He missed the cut for the only time in a major since he turned pro.

Torrey Pines is more familiar turf, even if the setup for the U.S. Open will be vastly different. Woods won the Buick Invitational this year for the third straight time, and he also won there as a junior.

In the meantime, his absence is a blow to the Wachovia Championship and to The



MORRY GASH | AP PHOTO

ON THE SHELF: Tiger Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his knee that will keep him out of action for four to six weeks.

Players Championship, regarded as the fifth major.

"Of course, we're disappointed when Tiger is unable to compete in a PGA Tour event," commissioner Tim Finchem said on the tour's Web site. "There is really never a good time for an athlete — especially one of Tiger's caliber — to take weeks off from competition during the season. But his health concerns have to come first."

Of greater concern might be the fact Woods has gone through surgery twice on the same knee in five years.

He has looked immortal at times on the golf course, already winning 64 times on the PGA Tour and 13 majors, second only to Jack Nicklaus.

Could this slow the pursuit? Woods won 30 times and five majors since his last surgery, and Haney expects nothing less.

"This is something he's already used to," Haney said. "He deals with stuff incredibly, like you would expect him to."

A LOOK AHEAD FOR BASEBALL TEAM

FRIDAY: vs. Kent State, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY: vs. Kent State, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY: vs. Kent State, 1 p.m.

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after Sontag's sacrifice bunt turned into a three-base error.

After a Wiener walk and stolen base, Vallas hit an RBI single and advanced to second on an error, which also scored Wiener.

Missy Bowman's then hit a single that Detroit's coach Bob Wilkerson thought was caught in the outfield. He argued the call on the spot and then continued the argument between innings, but the umpire stood behind their decision that the ball bounced into the glove.

Katelynn Boso's then doubled after the short break to get Vallas across the plate. Bowman then scored on an error during Rachel Delp's flyout.

"This team has slowly broke in offensively," Salsburg said. "I think



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DESTINATION BG: Andrew Hemminger and Dave Bensch will speak to students in the Union today at 6 p.m. to discuss their book, "Destination Basketball."

Authors scheduled to speak today about book

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

After a 6,000 mile journey that encompassed most of the country, two authors are making their way to BG.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202A of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, authors Andrew Hemminger and Dave Bensch will speak to students about their experiences in writing "Destination Basketball," a book detailing their interviews with a host of the best coaches in college basketball.

The event will be a homecoming of sorts for Hemminger, who graduated from the

University last year.

Hemminger and Bensch are best friends who have both played and enjoyed watching the game of basketball since their elementary school days.

Last summer, they decided to take their love of college basketball to another level by road-tripping in a Honda Civic across the country to meet with some of the most famous coaches in the sport. People they interviewed included John Wooden, Roy Williams and Mike Krzyzewski.

Following their speech, the authors will take part in a book signing. The doors at the Union will open at 6 p.m.

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the respect of the coaches to be picked first and to be selected in the top six of your teammates," Dozier said.

The brown team was then placed on the clock and didn't take long to make their decision. They decided to build their team around the offensive line and took Fink, a product of Willoughby South High School.

After donning the borrowed hat and brown No. 1 jersey, Fink, much like Dozier before him, felt honored to be picked at the top.

"All the six guys up there are very deserving," Fink said. "It's special. ... They're going to have to hunt me down to get this hat back."



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

WITH THE FIRST PICK: Jeff Fink was selected as the Brown squad's first overall draft pick for Saturday's spring game.

BASEBALL

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what it's been doing.

"We told the hitters to use the same approach we've been using," Schmitz said. "That's just being disciplined and getting a pitch that we can handle."

"You never want to take any at-bats for granted. You want

to make each at-bat you have a quality at-bat. That's still our goal and we're going to keep working on it."

The Falcons did exactly what they were told.

The team had 16 hits.

Spencer led the way, going 4-for-4 with four RBIs and two home runs. Vaughn and Hangbers each went 2-for-3 with four RBIs and one RBI,

respectively.

Jared Hoying went 2-for-4 with four RBIs, including a pair of home runs for the Rockets.

The Falcons, first in the MAC East division, will look to continue their offensive prowess this weekend as they face Kent State in a three-game tilt. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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that's what we saw today, and that's fantastic."

After adding a sixth run in the second, the Falcons scored another three in the third to make it a 9-1 game.

Bowman led off the inning deep to centerfield for her first collegiate home run. Delp and Haleigh Bielstein then hit back-to-back doubles, which chased Short out of the ballgame.

Wiener again walked, and Vallas drove in Bielstein on an error to give the Falcons their ninth run.

Gouge allowed two hits in the fifth, but without scoring. Detroit was left down eight runs for the mercy run ruling.

"We had thrown a lot of innings the last couple of weeks," Salsburg said. "Gouge came in and did a nice job cleaning it up."

BG has now won eight of their



MARK CIMA | THE BG NEWS

HERE'S THE PITCH: Emily Gouge delivers a pitch during yesterday's doubleheader.

last 10 and five in a row, but Salsburg isn't too concerned with streaks of that kind.

"We're not worried about streaks one way or the other," Salsburg said. "We're worried about each pitch, each inning. That's how we've approached this season from about the third weekend on."

The Falcons will finish up their current 10-game home stand this weekend against Northern Illinois on Friday and Western Michigan Saturday and Sunday.

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Tibetan exiles protest torch run in China, threaten more protests in future

By Gavin Rabinowitz
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Thousands of police patrolled central New Delhi, guarding against anti-China protests for the Olympic torch relay today in India, the heart of the world's Tibetan exile community.

About 100 Tibetan exiles tried to breach the security cordon yesterday around the Chinese Embassy, and police dragged away about 50 of them, loading them into police vans — but not before they manage to spray paint "No Olympics in China" on a street near the embassy.

After decades of frosty relations, New Delhi is trying to forge closer ties with China, and Indian officials are desperate to avoid the chaos during torch runs in London, Paris and San Francisco.

Many in India's 100,000-member Tibetan exile community, the world's largest, have threatened more of the protests that they've staged nearly every day here since demonstrations first broke out in Tibet in March and were put down by Chinese officials.

In recent weeks, Tibetan exiles

here have stormed the Chinese Embassy, which is now surrounded by barricades and barbed wire, gone on hunger strikes, and shaved their heads to protest China's crackdown on protests in Tibet.

The exiles say the torch run through the city is a perfect opportunity to make their point, despite the fact that the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader, says he supports China hosting of the Olympics.

Thousands of Tibetans reportedly were heading to New Delhi to protest and will take part in their own torch run to highlight the Tibetan struggle against China. Exiles also have urged Indian athletes to boycott the torch relay and asked residents to wear "Free Tibet" T-shirts and fly Tibetan flags.

The public could watch live TV accounts of the relay, which looked almost like a practice run because of the lack of people and the location.



EMILIO MORENATTI | AP PHOTO

STILL BURNING: Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, second left, and Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani hold the Olympic torch during a ceremony in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Protesters rally to demand election results

By Angus Shaw
The Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Police arrested 36 people for allegedly using violence in trying to enforce a nationwide strike yesterday, while doctors reported treating dozens of patients showing signs of assault and torture since Zimbabwe's contentious presidential election.

The country was still waiting to hear results from a ballot that President Robert Mugabe is widely believed to have lost March 29.

The opposition called the strike to press for the release of results, but it seemed to have little effect, with most stores and banks open on the second day.

Three dozen young suspects were arrested in the capital, Harare, and four other cities for blocking streets, stoning cars and buses and preventing people from going to work, police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena said.

A judge, meanwhile, acquitted New York Times correspondent Barry Bearak and British reporter Stephen Bevan of covering the election illegally. Magistrate Gloria Takwunda said the state "failed dismally to prove that there was rea-



JEROME DELAY | AP PHOTO

NEED FOR RESULTS: Zimbabweans demonstrate outside the Zimbabwe embassy in Pretoria, South Africa.

sonable suspicion of them practicing as journalists."

The two men were held by police for days following their arrest April 3. They had been free on bail for more than a week but blocked from leaving the country pending the court ruling.

A story on The New York Times' Web site said Bearak had left the country. "His only offense was honest journalism, telling Zimbabwe's story at a time of tormented transition," said Bill Keller, the newspaper's executive editor.



LAUREN VOPNI | AP PHOTO

RESCUE EFFORTS: Rescue workers, UN personnel and onlookers gather at the site of a plane crash in Goma, Congo.

40 dead, 110 hurt in Congo plane crash

By Elizabeth A. Kennedy
The Associated Press

GOMA, Congo — A hand reached out from beneath the smoldering, crushed seat. Marybeth Mosier grabbed it and pulled, but she couldn't help the burning man trapped inside the wrecked jetliner.

Mosier crawled from the smoke-filled aircraft with her husband and

3-year-old son, reaching safety through a hole other passengers had smashed in the plane's side. Her 14-year-old daughter escaped by wriggling through another crack in the fuselage.

Most of the 79 passengers survived Tuesday when the DC-9 jet careened off the runway into a crowded market. But 40 people were killed and more than 110 were injured.

"He was burning, and I tried to pull him up," Mosier told The Associated Press at a hospital in Goma, recounting how she saw the man in flames struggling to escape as black smoke billowed through the cabin and screaming passengers rushed for any exit.

"There were so many people pushing," the 51-year-old native of Dodge Center, Minn., said yesterday.

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REUNITED: Associated Press photographer Bilal Hussein is welcomed by his family members after being released from a U.S. military prison in Baghdad, Iraq.

AP photographer released from custody

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Associated Press photographer Bilal Hussein embraced sobbing relatives and thanked colleagues after being released yesterday from more than two years in U.S. military custody.

Hussein, 36, was freed at a checkpoint in Baghdad, where he was taken by the military aboard a prisoner bus. He left U.S. custody wearing a traditional Iraqi robe and appeared in good health.

The U.S. military had accused Hussein of links to insurgents, but did not file specific charges. In December, military authorities brought Hussein's case into the Iraqi court system for possible trial.

But an Iraqi judicial panel

this month dismissed all proceedings against Hussein and ordered his release. A U.S. military statement on Monday said Hussein is no longer considered a threat.

"I want to thank all the people working in AP. ... I have spent two years in prison even though I was innocent. I thank everybody," Hussein said after being freed.

AP President Tom Curley said Hussein "is safely back with AP and his family, and it is a great relief to us."

"Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported us during this difficult and challenging period," Curley said. "Bilal will now be spending some quiet time with his family and resting up."

Hussein and the AP denied any improper contacts, saying

Hussein was doing the normal work of a photographer in a war zone. He was detained by U.S. Marines on April 12, 2006 in Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad.

Hussein was a member of the AP team that won a Pulitzer Prize for photography in 2005, and his detention drew protests from rights groups and press freedom advocates.

"We are happy to welcome him back into our journalistic community," said Santiago Lyon, AP's director of photography.

The photographer was embraced by tearful family members, including his brother and mother, and spoke to other well-wishers on a mobile phone as he was showered with flowers and sweets. He later was honored with a traditional feast.

Israel strikes targets in Gaza

Highest death toll since March leaves at least 23 dead

By Diaa Hadid
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel struck hard against targets in Gaza on yesterday, killing at least 20 Palestinians in a day of heavy fighting that also saw three Israeli soldiers die in a brazen Hamas ambush.

Among the Palestinian dead was a news cameraman.

The surge in violence came after a relatively quiet month and threatened to unravel an Egyptian effort to mediate a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas.

Yesterday's death toll was the highest since an Israeli military offensive in early March that killed more than 120 Gazans, including dozens of civilians. Since then, Israel and Hamas appeared to be honoring an informal truce, though punctuated with Palestinian rocket

attacks, some Israeli airstrikes and border skirmishes.

That changed dramatically yesterday with no apparent trigger, indicating the relative calm was more coincidence than plan.

In the day's deadliest attack, an Israeli helicopter fired four missiles at targets near the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, witnesses said. At least 12 Palestinians, including five children aged 12-15, were killed, said Dr. Moaiya Hassanain of the Palestinian Health Ministry.

Reuters cameraman Fadel Shana was killed while filming Israeli tank movements, apparently in an airstrike in the same area. Two bystanders also died.

Other cameramen who

rushed to the scene said they saw the Reuters jeep on fire, and Shana's body lying next to it. They said his jeep was marked "press" and that the camera-

man was wearing an identifying flak jacket.

As colleagues rushed toward Shana, another missile was fired, said Wissam Nassar, a photographer with the Maan news agency. "There was an airstrike. We were thrown back, myself and another person."

Dozens of Palestinian journalists converged on the hospital where Shana was pronounced dead. Shocked, many still carrying their cameras, they wept and leaned on each other for support.

The Palestinian Journalists Union called a one-day strike for Thursday to protest the killing.

Despite near daily Israeli-Palestinian violence, casualties among journalists are rare. Only three others have been killed covering the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 1992, according to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists.



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AMBUSH: An Israeli tank is seen returning from military operations in the Gaza Strip. Four Hamas gunmen and three Israeli soldiers were killed in intense fighting in the Gaza.

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U.S.-backed Iraqi troops battle Shiite militiamen in Basra and Sadr City

By Sameer N. Yacoub
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Clashes with Shiite militiamen flared in two cities yesterday as a U.S. drone fired two missiles in Basra and U.S.-backed Iraqi troops battled in Baghdad's sprawling Sadr City slum.

The airstrike in Basra — which the military said killed four militants — came after militiamen attacked an Iraqi army patrol with rocket-propelled grenades in the Hayaniyah district, the U.S. military said. A vehicle suspected of containing more weapons and ammunition also was destroyed.

The district has seen some of the fiercest fighting since the Basra offensive began three weeks ago to dislodge militia fighters including anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army.

Yesterday, the Iraqi government said it was replacing two senior military commanders overseeing operations in Basra,

Iraq's second-largest city.

Officials insisted the two — security army commander Lt. Gen. Mohan al-Fireji and police chief Maj. Gen. Abdul-Jalil Khalaf — had not been fired but were being reassigned to positions in Baghdad after their assignments ended.

The two Iraqi officers will be replaced by new security commander Maj. Gen. Mohammed Jawad Huwaidi and new police chief is Maj. Gen. Adil Daham, officials said.

U.S. officials have praised Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for the determination he showed in confronting the militias, but they have also said the Basra operation was hastily arranged and badly executed. Critics said it highlighted the Iraqi army's poor leadership and the low morale among its rank and file after some 1,000 troops deserted or refused to fight in Basra.

But the U.S. military said yesterday that progress was being made.

"In Basra the Iraqi army forces in particular are finding improved support from the local citizens in terms of tips, in terms of their cooperation," military spokesman Maj. Gen. Kevin Bergner told reporters in Baghdad.

The March 25 offensive touched off an uprising by Shiite militias across southern Iraq and in Baghdad's Sadr City district, a stronghold for the Mahdi Army.

Fresh clashes broke out in Sadr City between U.S.-backed Iraqi troops and Shiite militiamen, leaving two men dead and 18 other people wounded, police said.

Also yesterday, the U.S. military said two Marines were killed by a roadside bomb in western Anbar province. The statement said the blast occurred on Sunday while their vehicle was under attack by enemy fighters.

At least 4,036 American service members have died since the war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

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Attorney general won't step down amid rumors

By Julie Carr Smyth
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann wielded his office's legal might yesterday to support protecting the jobs of workers who file sexual harassment claims against their superiors, even as a pair of such claims are daily unraveling his own administration.

Dann, a Youngstown Democrat, took the lead among attorneys general from 19 states and Puerto Rico in asking the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that employers can't retaliate against an employee involved in an employer's investigation of sexual harassment.

The case, *Crawford v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County*, comes at an ironic moment — as sexual harassment allegations by two Dann staffers are being investigated against Anthony Gutierrez, a friend and former roommate of Dann's whom the women describe as treating them with vulgar and threatening language and behavior.

A conclusion to the internal

investigation into Gutierrez's actions is expected as early as this week.

Dann has removed himself from the probe, and has placed both Gutierrez and another aide and former roommate at the same condo, Leo Jennings III, on paid leave. Dann has not disclosed what information led him to place Jennings on leave, and neither man has discussed the case publicly.

Yesterday Dann told reporters he has never thought of resigning.

"That's just ridiculous. I'm doing a great job for the people of the state of Ohio," Dann said. "Absolutely, it never crossed my mind."

Gov. Ted Strickland, a fellow Democrat, said yesterday that any discussion about Dann belongs in the "court of public opinion."

"Being attorney general was a result of a vote of the people. So I think it would be hugely inappropriate of me to say he should resign. I know of no reason for him to resign, so of course I would not say I think he should resign," Strickland said.

Court rules on death penalty States must decide speed of lethal injections

By Stephen Majors
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — The prosecution of Ohio's death penalty cases received a boost yesterday when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Kentucky's similar lethal injection procedure.

The decision, however, does not necessarily quash the claims of a group of Ohio death row inmates who argue that Ohio's lethal injection procedure violates the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment. There are roughly 20 inmates who are close to having execution dates set.

"This pushed it back to the states to decide what [the decision] means for them," said Doug Berman, a law professor at Ohio State University.

Death penalty cases in Ohio had stopped moving over the past several months while the U.S. Supreme Court took up a case by Kentucky inmates who alleged that there were more humane ways to carry out executions than the state's three-drug injection regimen. The court ruled yesterday that the inmates hadn't met the burden of proof

in showing that Kentucky's procedure, along with its failure to adopt a different and untested measure, constituted cruel and unusual punishment.

Ohio's death-penalty cases, which weren't under a formal moratorium, could now begin moving again. But the speed at which they do so depends on how quickly or forcefully top state officials, such as the governor or attorney general, respond to the decision, Berman said.

They could ask courts to dismiss appeals from death-row inmates based on the Supreme Court decision, for example.

Gov. Ted Strickland said he hasn't yet been able to determine the legal ramifications of the decision.

Ohio also uses a regimen to sedate, paralyze and kill inmates, although its procedure is not identical.

"You would just think that because the methodology is quite similar that the legal outcome would be similar as well," Strickland said. "But I just don't want to make that assumption without having a little deeper understanding about what they said."

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